

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the present application. By this Preliminary Amendment, we have canceled claims 1-48, 50-55, 57-67 and added claims 69-92. Accordingly, claims 69-92 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added by this reply.

In an Election/Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between two allegedly independent and distinct inventions. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 2, claims 69-92.

The Examiner also required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between numerous allegedly patentably distinct species of the invention.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species of FIGS. 32-44. Applicants submit that at least claims 69-92 read on the elected species. Applicants submit that none of claims 69-92 is generic to every additional species. Accordingly, Applicants request that claims 69-92 be examined.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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